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SUBJECT: JANUARY 1976 US-HUNGARIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS SEMINAR

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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL A DEPARTMENT CONTACTED COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS. SEMINAR SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY INTENDED AS FOLLOW-UP TO PREVIOUS CONFERENCES.

2. COUNCTL REPLY HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED, AND IT STRESSES THAT MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN BUDAPEST MUST ABOVE ALL NOT BE "FORMAL." CFR BELIEVES THAT DIRECT PARTICIPATION BY EMBASSY (OR MFA) IN ITS WORKING MEETINGS WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, AND INFORMED US THAT PROFESSOR SIMAI HAS SAID AS MUCH. AS FAR AS COUNCIL IS CONCERNED, PARTICIPATION BY AMBASSADOR OR DCM IN FORMAL OPENING SESSION, FOR INSTANCE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE, BUT THE HUNGARIAN PREFERENCE IS UNKNOWN.

3. THE COUNCIL FEELS THAT EMBASSY WILL BE INTERESTED IN U.S. AND HUNGARIAN PAPERS, ETC. SINCE HUNGARIANS ARE THE SPONSORS, ANY EMBASSY SOCIAL EVENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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THEM. CFR WOULD BE GUIDED BY WISHES OF AMBASSADOR AND HUNGARIAN SPONSORS.

THE EMBASSY MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, IF IT WISHES, TO

BRIEF THE U.S. GROUP LATE SUNDAY, JANUARY 25. THE
CONFERENCE BEGINS MONDAY MORNING.

5. A LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL IS BEING ADDRESSED TO THE
AMBASSADOR, AND WILL ENCLOSE AN AGENDA/ITINERARY AND
PROBABLY U.S. PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED. MESSRS. CAMPBELL
AND DIEBOLD, THE CFR ADVANCE OFFICERS, WILL ARRIVE IN
BUDAPEST SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 TO MEET WITH THE HUNGARIAN
SPONSORS OF THE CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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